

### REMARKS

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect the following:

- (a) in claim 42, the species of compounds having at least one isocyanurate group;
- (b) the species of X is oxygen;
- (c) the species of A is  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ;
- (d) the species of  $\text{R}_1$  is H;
- (e) the species of Q is absent;
- (f) the species of Z is a bond;
- (g) the species of Y is  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ; and
- (h) the species of W is absent.

For the species of reagent set forth in claim 53, Applicants elect compounds with alcohol functions, specifically 1,9,10-trihydroxy-octadecane (Example 20).

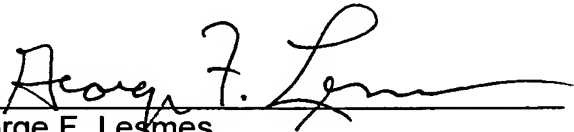
Claims readable on the elected species are believed to be the following:  
claims 23-28, 30-53, 55, 56 and 59.

If there are any questions on any of the above, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 838-6683.

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